

Bloomington MAC Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Lynda Gonzalez	Adrian McDaniel
Mike Koss	Gregory Ware

Minutes:

MAC Chair Gonzalez suggested that the minutes from the February 7th meeting be amended to clarify that illegal auto sales are occurring across the street from the swap meet. Council Member Koss moved the amendment, Council Member Ware seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Special Presentation: Colton Joint Unified School District

Casey Cridelich, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Alice Grundman, Director, Facilities Planning and Construction

Colton Joint Unified School District has generated a master plan for facility construction and improvements totaling over \$270,000,000 in projects. Current improvements are directed towards easing the rapid growth facing many of the district's schools. This typically includes improvements to current facility space and the installation of portable classrooms.

Large projects in the Bloomington area include the modernization of Bloomington High School. The district is entering the 4th stage of this project, which includes improvements to the boys' and girls' locker rooms, the gymnasium and various classrooms. The district is also in the design stage for future plans to construct a math and science building at Bloomington High, adding 38,000 square feet of classroom space to the campus.

Other projects underway include the modernization of Colton High School. The final phases of this project will see renovation of several classrooms, the administration building and the construction of a two-story, 30-classroom facility on the corner of Rancho Ave. and Valley Blvd.

In May of 2006 the district will begin the modernization of Paul J. Rogers and Gerald Smith Elementary Schools. This will be followed by modernization projects at Terrace View Elementary, Zimmerman Elementary and Washington Alternative High School, all scheduled to commence in spring of 2007.

Grand Terrace High School is scheduled to break ground in summer of 2006 and open in September of 2008. The new high school will relieve crowding at Bloomington and Colton High Schools.

A new middle school will be constructed at the corner of Cactus and Valley Blvd. This will relieve crowding at nearby schools.

All future construction projects for CJUSD are listed on their website:

<http://www.colton.k12.ca.us/>

Questions from the public

Why does the school district choose to utilize portable classrooms to relieve overcrowding?

It is much more cost effective and time efficient to use portable classrooms. The cost of portable classrooms ranges from \$40-\$60 per square foot while permanent construction costs range from \$300-\$400 per square foot.

Can the school district build library facilities as well?

The school district does not typically build libraries for the community. That usually falls under jurisdiction of the city or county.

Can the school district improve parking around Bloomington High School?

The district will look into parking in and around the school to see what can be done to improve the flow of traffic. The school district has requested that the county consider placing a crosswalk in front of the high school.

STAFF REPORTS

Sheriff's Report:

Captain John Powell

Captain Powell introduced himself as the new Captain at the Fontana Sheriff's Station. He is working with veteran officers and community leaders to get to know the neighborhoods serviced by the Fontana Sheriff's Station. The Board of Supervisors has approved the addition of 3 new deputy positions for the Fontana Station. Capt. Powell encouraged citizens interested in volunteering with the Sheriff's Dept. to contact the Fontana Station for more information: (909) 356-6767

Det. Joe Silva

- The Sheriff's Dept. cited the individuals who parked their motor home in Kessler Park. Det. Silva emphasized that the Sheriff's Dept. relies upon input from the community to identify and catch criminals. Det. Silva can be reached at 356-6767.
- Traffic in the Bloomington area is under the jurisdiction of the California Highway Patrol (CHP). The Sheriff's Dept. can and at times does make traffic stops but the majority of traffic enforcement is handled by the CHP.
- The Sheriff's Dept. has eliminated most of the illegal taco vendors in the area. There are still some orange and fruit vendors in the area. The Sheriff's Dept. is working to eliminate them but it will be a challenge since new vendors continually come into the community.
- Gang activity is a concern in Bloomington. There are several homegrown gangs in south Bloomington. A few Los Angeles based gangs are located in the north end. Capt. Powell explained that modern gang activity is no longer geographically driven as much as it is driven by the sale of drugs. If anyone has any information on possible illegal activity they can contact the Sheriff's Dept. anonymously or call "we tip" at 1-800-782-7463.

Field Representative – Amber Tiedgen

- Supervisor Gonzales has asked Det. Joe Silva to join the Bloomington MAC. The Supervisor believes he would be an excellent addition to the council and hopes he will take the invitation under consideration.

Special Districts – Tim Millington

- Special Districts has allocated \$100,000 for improvements to Kessler Park. A playground will be built for the park as well as the construction of restroom and concession facilities.
- \$89, 000 of Proposition 40 tax revenue will be directed towards renovating the facilities at Ayala Park.
- Special Districts has distributed reimbursements for the previous year's bed tax grants. They are currently working with the San Bernardino Valley Riders to reimburse them for last year's grant award.
- Supervisor Gonzales has approved the MAC's recommendation to award all of the Bed Tax applications. Agencies who have been awarded Bed Tax grants have two options for receiving funding:
 1. The agencies can purchase the items and/or services listed in the application and then send an invoice to Special Districts for reimbursement.
 2. Agencies have the option of sending direct invoicing requests to Special Districts for the purchase of the goods/services. This will allow the county to pay for the services directly, preventing the agencies from having to pay for expenses up front. If an agency would like to utilize direct invoicing they should contact Tim Millington at Special Districts for more details: (909) 387-5877.

Field Representative Amber Tiedgen added that this year's Bed Tax grant applications are now available. Applications must be completed and received by the Supervisor's office no later than June 6, 2006.

OLD BUSINESS

Action Items

Non-Action Items

NEW BUSINESS

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Member Reports

Adrian McDaniel

Council Member McDaniel noted that the March 7th issue of the Sun Newspaper included an article about Fontana and Rialto that may interest Bloomington residents.

Lynda Gonzalez

MAC Chair Gonzalez thanked the Bloomington Community Boosters for sponsoring the local little league. Opening day will take place March 25, 2006 at Kessler Park. Everyone is welcomed to come and participate in the pancake breakfast fundraiser at 7 a.m.

Mike Koss

No Report.

Gregory Ware

Council Member Ware thanked Capt. Powell for his presentation and input on how to improve the community. He thanked Eric Davenport for his presentation on behalf of the Bloomington Incorporation Committee to LAFCO.

Eric Scott

Absent.

Betty Gosney

Absent

Juanita Ruiz

Absent

Public Comments

Members of the audience are asked to pick up a request to address the MAC from the Council Secretary. There is a limit of three minutes speaking per request. The following speakers were given time to speak.

Eric Davenport – Bloomington Incorporation Committee

The BIC is preparing to circulate petitions to move forward with the incorporation effort. They will be hosting a fundraising event in the future as well. The BIC is working to provide LAFCO with follow up information regarding some of the questions LAFCO had about BIC's feasibility study.

Anita Berger

Ms. Berger was present at the LAFCO meeting and did not appreciate Reggie King's presence at the meeting.

Dave Jayne

The San Bernardino Valley Riders will have an event on April 29th. He also requested that the county look into recycling business that have come into the community.

Pam Geil

Ms. Geil stated that the City of Colton is considering a city ordinance that would temporarily prevent certain types of businesses from coming into the community. This would allow the city time to carefully evaluate what types of business would best serve the community. She would like to see something similar in Bloomington. She warned residents that someone is dumping barrels of motor oil throughout Bloomington.

Alexia Rishel

Asking for support and ideas for planning a future fundraiser for BIC. If anyone is interested they can contact Ms. Rishel or Eric Davenport.

The meeting was adjourned to the next MAC meeting scheduled for April 4, 2006 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – Bloomington MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565